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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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11 KELLY GUERRERO,

12 Plaintiff(s),

13 v.

14 VINCENT NEIL WHARTON,

15 Defendant(s).

Case No.: 2:16-cv-01667-GMN-NJK

**NOTICE**

16 Orders are not suggestions or recommendations, they are directives with which compliance  
17 is mandatory. *See, e.g., Gfeller v. Doyne Med. Clinic, Inc.*, 2015 WL 5210392, at \*8 (D. Nev.  
18 Sept. 3, 2015) (citing *Chapman v. Pacific Tel & Tel. Co.*, 613 F.2d 193, 197 (9th Cir. 1979) and  
19 *Weddell v. Stewart*, 291 P.3d 1080, 1085 & n.9 (Nev. 2011)). The Court issued an order requiring  
20 that “[a]ll attorneys who intend to participate in trial and both individual parties shall attend the  
21 [telephonic] hearing” on the motion to continue the settlement conference and to excuse Plaintiff’s  
22 lead counsel from attending the settlement conference. Docket No. 84.<sup>1</sup> Despite the crystal clear  
23 order, lead counsel for Plaintiff did not appear and Defendant did not appear. No reasonable  
24 justification was provided for those violations of the Court’s order.

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26 <sup>1</sup> As stated on the record, the Court denied the motion to excuse Plaintiff’s lead from  
27 attending the settlement conference. The Court granted in part the motion to continue the  
28 settlement conference in that the current settlement conference date is vacated, but the parties are  
required to file a stipulation with five dates on which all required settlement conference  
participants (including Mr. Scruggs) are available to attend that settlement conference in person.  
The stipulation must be filed no later than April 23, 2018.

1 The Court hereby **CAUTIONS** all counsel of record and both parties that they are expected  
2 moving forward to strictly comply with all orders and all applicable rules. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ.  
3 P. 16(f). Future violations may result in significant sanctions, up to and including case-dispositive  
4 sanctions and the initiation of contempt proceedings.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 Dated: April 19, 2018

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9 Nancy J. Koppe  
10 United States Magistrate Judge  
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